



Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2011
6:45 p.m.

In attendance: Tom Azlin, Amateur Radio Emergency Services; Mike Bartlett, American Red Cross; Ian Sterne, American Red Cross; Charles Monts, Boy Scouts of America; Jeffrey Katz, CERT; Loretta Principe, Fairfax Federation of Citizens Information; Tom Lambiase, Faith Communities in Action; Diane Quebral, Medical Reserve Corps; Ron Manzo, Neighborhood Watch; Frank Vajda, Neighborhood Watch; Bonnie O'Leary, No. VA Resource Center for Deaf & HoH; Jim Diehl, Dranesville District; Glenda Devinney, Lee District; Al Bornmann, Mount Vernon District; Karrie Delaney, Sully District, Donna Spiewak, VIPS; Matthew Lyttle, Volunteer Fairfax; Alan Hanson, VIPS; Amanda Pham, FC OEM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman _Mike Bartlett_ at _6:45 p.m._.

Speaker

None

Old Business

There was a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion was seconded. The minutes from the November 18, 2010 meeting were approved.

Committee updates

Outreach – Not sure what to put here.

Grants – New projects (will email of summary form). Finishing up the development of the concept paperwork for UAIC funding??

Membership – Jim Kirkpatrick will take over as Chair of this committee.

Board Of Supervisors Report (ad hoc) – Nothing to Report.

Core Organization Updates

MRC – Crossed the threshold for volunteers-at 4100. Looking at volunteer management software. Achieved distinction – Project Public Health Ready certification.

CERT – Falls Church High School program went well. Interested in doing for adult education but per guidelines must charge for class. Tracking qualifications (i.e. language) of CERT members-on the agenda to do.

VIPS - New volunteer coordinator – Alan Hanson. April 8th volunteer awards. 102 APO's 93 VIPS (APO's – up in number, VIPS – down) 11 Chaplin's.

Neighborhood Watch – National Night Out (August 2, 2011) – Opportunity for organizational recruiting. Target – big partner for NNO, giveaways. Have Citizen Preparedness packs – distributed 2 day survival packs 1700. Discussion ensued about the backpack contents.

Affiliate organizations

Volunteer Fairfax - Viva Vienna (May 28-30) - offered "free" booth for CCC for community outreach. Celebrate Fairfax (June 10-12) – Opportunity to promote CCC and individual organizations (i.e. Red Cross, Neighborhood Watch, Boy Scouts). Herndon Festival – (June 2-5). Looking for volunteers to man the booths. Global Youth Service Day (April 13, 2011) – Focused on ages 5-25. Projects for various ages. Volunteer Service Awards Breakfast – April 14, 2011. VOAD – Looking for new members.

Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing - Large groups working on technology to provide real time information for persons with disabilities.

CrisisLink

Red Cross – 6 fires in Fairfax this month. Distributed fire prevention information. Regional Operation Center – Up and Running. Held CPR and basic first aid training in Fairfax and Capitol Hill. About to receive sheltering kits and pet trailers to shelter pets during disasters as a result of grants..

ARES – Working to re-locate some antennas so that they function better.

Organization:	Amateur Radio Emergence Service (ARES)	Date:	31 March 2011
Member Updates			
Accomplishments since 26 January 2011 report			
Initiated planning for members to build and test field expedient HF antennas for local and regional communications that can be deployed at shelters to allow direct communication with the Virginia EOC in Richmond independent from communications infrastructure working. Some of this testing will be held at the far ends of the county. Perhaps including at the South County Government Center at the back of the parking lot.			
Held training and equipment testing sessions at the Fairfax EOC and AEOC in February and March. Checked in to the Virginia Digital Net (traffic and training net for the Old Dominion Emergency Net – Digital) from the EOC.			
Met with OEM and county facilities officials for the relocation of the amateur radio antennas that support the AEOC. Previous activations have shown the current antennas do not have the coverage currently needed.			
Assembled VHF/UHF go-kits #3 and #4 and collected short list of yet to be purchased small parts. Started assembling the HF go-kit. These five go-kits are stored at the Alternate EOC where they can be retrieved by Fairfax ARES members for prepositioning at shelters or checked out for no notice activations. We expect to complete all tasks for the five go-kits this coming quarter. .			
Met monthly with the EOC Manager to get tasking and to report status on ARES staffing, projects and plans.			
Plans for the next period:			
1. Hold regular meetings at the AEOC on the 4 th Thursdays of each month. These are open to interested hams.			
2. Conduct training and testing as an adjunct function of providing communications for the VHTRC Bull			

Run 50 mile trail run on 9 April.

3. Hold three training/equipment maintenance sessions during the second quarter 2011 to continue developing communications skills at the AEOC, EOC and field locations in the county.

3. Hold training radio nets each week.

Tom Azlin, N4ZPT. Fairfax County ARES Emergency Coordinator/RACES Coordinator

New Business

Speaker for Next Meeting – Proposed – Representative from Virginia Defense Force.

10th Anniversary for 9/11 – Suggest collaboration for 10 year anniversary of 9/11 among groups so activities do not collide. Note: September is National Preparedness month. Mike asked everyone to think of ideas to add to agenda for this proposed event. Feedback to be added to agenda for the May 26, 2011 meeting.

Citizen Corps Badges – Marcello and Mike to discuss further – What would badge do for us? Should it be nametag or picture id? T-shirts or Baseball caps?

Fairfax County Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan (PDRP) - Put a steering committee together (county agencies, VOAD, Citizen Corp) – handed out org chart (green sections – where CCC support is anticipated). Ian – representative for Citizen Corps. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/pdrp contains meeting minutes etc. and currently conducting a survey – looking for input. Steering Committee – Public Works, OEM, VOAD, Volunteer Fairfax, CCC, local businesses (Springfield Chamber, Dulles Chamber, Federation and HOA's (need someone).

Amanda Phan (Office of Emergency Management) – Hazard Mitigation Plan posted on OEM webpage and looking for feedback. Working on PDR Plan. June 3, 2011 – Large Scale Exercise (Scenario – Unsure).

Priority of potential goals from Strategic Planning Committee –

MRC – Diane accepted award from CCC for Esther Emard's contributions during her term of service.



Adjournment

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn that was seconded and approved unanimously at _8:38 p.m._.

Faithfully submitted,
Glenda DeVinney, Secretary